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# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government are aware that the standard of elementary and secondary education in the country is declining continuously;

(b) If so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) The steps proposed to be taken to improve both quality and quantity of the education in the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (c): The Government at various levels takes continuous steps to improve the quality of education and the achievement levels of students. Some of the important initiatives being implemented currently include renewal and improvement of primary school textbooks in their approach to learning, content and presentation, large scale teacher training in activity based and competency based pedagogy, setting up block and cluster resource centers to provide support to teachers, strengthening of schemes such as environmental education. Value education, science improvement and setting up of laboratories and libraries.

There has also been quantitative expansion of schooling facilities in the country which is evident from the table below:

(in lakhs)

| | 1950-51 | 1998-99 |
|---|---|---|
| Primary school I-V. | 2.10 | 6.27 |
| Upper Primary Schools VI-VIII | 0.13 | 1.90 |
| Secondary/Sr. Secondary School 10+2 | 0.07 | 1.12 |